

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
MILLENNIUM CRICKET LEAGUE**

**WHITE BALL TWENTY-20**

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## **Article 1. TITLE**

This combination of T20 member clubs shall be called the Millennium Cricket League Twenty-20 Organization operating under the aegis of parent entity Millennium Cricket League and be governed primarily by the By-Laws written in this MCL T20 Constitution, taking precedence over the Laws and Regulations or Articles/Sections laid out by the parent body or any other sub organizations under it. Millennium Cricket League Twenty-20 Organization, hereinafter shall be referred to as the MCL T20 League. It shall consist of those member clubs as determined by the Team Directors. The member teams/clubs by joining Millennium Cricket League Twenty-20 Organization agree to abide by this MCL T20 Constitution and where Articles/Sections do not specifically address a fact, the parent entity MCL Constitution for its Articles/Sections.

### Section 1.01 - SPECIAL GOVERNING REGULATIONS FOR SEASONS 2021, 2022 and 2023

For the Seasons 2021, 2022 and 2023, 1) T20 will comprise of nominated MCL Special T20 Committee members as defined in the Application form of the relevant Season, 2) further for the Season 2021, 2022 and 2023, all decisions pertaining to Team Directors and MCL T20 Executive Committee mentioned in this Constitution will be deferred to the MCL T20 Special Committee during 2021,2022,2023 Seasons, 3) from the Season 2024, the MCL T20 Special Committee will cease to be in existence, 4) and will further be replaced by the MCL T20 Executive Committee duly elected by the Team Directors in the pre-Season AGM in 2024.

\*Rules for this MCL Special T20 Committee will be defined in a separate governing document.

## **Article 2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the MCL T20 League shall be:

1. The promotion, advancement and protection of the interests of cricket.
2. To ensure that all cricket matches organized within and by the MCL are conducted within the laws of cricket and all members uphold the traditions and spirit of the game.
3. To make all relevant decisions pertaining to the conduct of the game between and involving member clubs and to have binding authority as regards matters pertaining to the game between member clubs.

\* Subject to further discussions and interpretations of the MCL Special T20 Committee.

4. Millennium Cricket League does not discriminate based on religion, race, sex, creed, color, disability, citizenship, and national origin. Membership in this league is subject to approval of the officers of the League who may determine the same in their sole discretion. MCL T20 League, being a private entity, with its appointed officials hold the right to accept or refuse any team's participation in the league.

### **Article 3. OFFICES**

The principal office of the MCL T20 League for the transaction of business shall be located in New Jersey USA.

### **Article 4. MEMBERSHIP**

#### Section 4.01 CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any bona fide cricket club in the state area of NJ that maintains a roster of at least 15 players and participates in MCL's T20 League tournament. All games will be played in New Jersey.

#### Section 4.02 ADMISSION

Applicants shall be admitted to membership upon (a) written application, (b) approval by the T20 Executive Committee elected by Team Directors during Annual General Body Meeting of current Season, with the exception of the Season 2021, 2022, 2023 when the T20 Executive Committee will comprise of nominated MCL T20 Committee members as defined in the Application form of the relevant Season, the new team applications will have to be presented to the Team Directors as a oversight process to understand if there are any reservations, (c) payment of any fees or dues, (d) signed copy of the Team Waiver form (e) possession of the proper documents as the T20 Executive Committee shall prescribe.

#### Section 4.03 FEES & ASSESSMENTS

The Membership fees payable to the MCL by each member club shall be determined annually by a resolution of the Team Directors. The amount and the date by which the fees or dues shall be determined by the T20 Executive Committee. The Membership fees are

1. Effective from April 1, each year and are payable as prescribed in membership/application form.
2. Assessments: Member Clubs are subject to assessments which may be levied and collected in an amount and in a manner as may be determined from time to time by a resolution of the T20 Executive Committee.

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3. Fees and Assessments shall be due and payable within thirty days of invoice. Members failing to pay by the due date shall not be eligible for inclusion in league schedules or post-season competition.

#### Section 4.04 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Association shall keep a membership list containing the effective date and membership status and the contact details including email, fax and telephone number of each member club and its officers. Termination of the membership of any member shall be recorded, together with the date and circumstances under which such membership ceased. The membership list shall be kept at the Association's principal office, Association's website or at such other place that the Board may order, and shall be available for inspection by any Director or member club as provided in Article 5

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-laws, the membership list shall not be available for inspection by any other person except as required by law and except when authorized by the T20 Executive Committee and President and Secretary in writing.

#### Section 4.05 NON LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

No member of this Association shall be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Association.

#### Section 4.06 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

**By Withdrawal/Resignation:** Any member club may withdraw/resign at any time upon the delivery of a written and/or email request to the T20 Executive Committee and President and Secretary of the Association. Fees are non-refundable.

**AUTOMATIC TERMINATION:** The membership of any member shall automatically be terminated in a given Season/Year when the team has discontinued participation in the Annual Summer League voluntarily or involuntarily.

**FAILURE TO PAY FEES, ASSESSMENTS, AND FINES:** The membership of any member shall automatically be terminated upon failure of payments of Fees Assessments or Fines within the specified time period.

**REINSTATEMENT AFTER TERMINATION:** The Team Directors may reinstate a terminated member on such terms, as they deem appropriate upon receipt of a written request addressed to the T20 Executive Committee.

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**NO CLAIM ON ANY MCL FUNDS/SAVINGS/STAKES AFTER TERMINATION:** The TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP by/of any member shall automatically lead to the loss of any privileges that the member/team can claim with Millennium Cricket League or any of its subsidiaries or sub organizations.

#### Section 4.07 FINES SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

In addition to the termination of membership as provided in Article 4.06 a member may be fined suspended or expelled for a good cause as provided below:

**GOOD CAUSE:** As used herein requires that the member either has failed or continues to fail to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the MCL T20 Constitution and Association, or with any of the Rules and Regulations of the MCL T20 Constitution and Association, has failed or continues to fail to pay any fine imposed, or for any reason decided by the T20 Executive Committee and Team Directors :

**APPEAL:** Members that are terminated shall receive written notice stating that its membership is suspended and the reasons therefore. The member shall have the opportunity to present its case before the Team Directors. An appeal shall be made no later than 15 days from the date when such decision was conveyed to the members.

**VOTING ON EXPULSION:** The decision to expel or suspend a member shall require a two-thirds majority of the Team Directors. Members shall be expelled and/or suspended if they fail to abide by By-laws that prescribes automatic expulsion and/or suspension. Violations that could lead to expulsion and/or suspension shall be clearly specified in By- laws.

**TERMINATION OF RIGHTS:** All rights of a member in the Association shall cease upon Expulsion.

### Article 5. TEAM DIRECTORS

#### Section 5.01 STRUCTURE

The MCL T20 shall be governed in all MCL T20 operational aspects except the ones defined under Section 5.03, by the T20 Executive Committee elected once in two years thru a process defined in 5.02, with a minimum term duration of 2 years by the Team Directors consisting of one delegate from each member Team defined in Article 4.01, at the AGM on an Election Year. If due to any extraordinary circumstance, if the Election year AGM cannot be done in-person, then the Team Directors can pass a resolution by simple majority to conduct the AGM business including the Election year by a virtual meeting for which the advance notice terms of 2 weeks should be met.. Each Team Director shall have one vote at any meeting of the Board, subject to restrictions outlined in Article 5, Section 5.09.



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#### Section 5.02 ELECTION PROCESS

1. The MCL T20 Executive Committee will formally communicate the Annual AGM at least 2 weeks in advance.
2. In an election year(alternative year cycles), all MCL T20 Executive Committee positions will be open for nomination and contest.
3. Any MCL T20 Member team representatives wishing to contest for any of the posts should apply for their nomination in an email to MCL Team Directors Email address at least 2 days prior to the AGM date. Any nominations after the deadline time will NOT be accepted.
4. MCL T20 Executive Committee will compile a list of the nominations and prepare electoral rolls for the elections during the AGM if there are contests.
5. If there is an MCL T20 Executive Committee role which is expiring on term limit and no nominations have been received prior to the deadline date for nomination, then the Team Directors will hold consultations to appoint a person without any binding limitations.

#### Section 5.03 DUTIES AND POWERS

1. The Team Directors shall determine overall policy, approve any budgetary spendings over 500\$ and set guidelines, priorities. However, any expenditure incurred over and above the normal budgetary spendings of the League and under 500\$ also, should be duly reported in the balance sheet and the Team Directors to be informed through communication.
2. The Team Directors shall supervise all officers, agents and employees of the MCL T20 association to assure that duties are properly performed. The Team Directors shall also have the responsibility to appoint, remove, employ, discharge and except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents or employees of the Association.
3. The Team Directors may, in its sole discretion authorize any officer, agent to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, the MCL T20 and such authority may be general or specific, and unless so authorized by the Team Directors, no officer, agent or person shall have the power or authority to bind the MCL by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

#### Section 5.04 QUALIFICATIONS

Any member over the age of 21 is eligible to be appointed a Team Director of the MCL T20 Association

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#### Section 5.05 APPOINTMENT OF TEAM DIRECTORS

Each member shall appoint one Team Director and one Alternate Team Director to the Board. Such appointments shall be made in writing to the secretary of the MCL T20. The Alternate Team Director may attend meetings but may vote only if the Team Director appointed by the team is absent. A second alternate may be appointed in writing to the Secretary of the MCL T20 provided notification is received not less than 2 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

#### Section 5.06 TERMS OF OFFICE

Each Team Director shall hold office until a successor is appointed by a member team as provided in Article 5.04.

#### Section 5.07 MEETINGS OF Team DIRECTORS

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held once a year before the beginning of a new cricket season. Additional special meetings of the Team Directors shall be held during the cricket season as required.
2. The AGM shall be held anytime between the first week of January and the last week of February at a date and place decided by the MCL T20 Executive Committee. All Proposals shall be carried by a simple majority of those eligible to vote. Elections to the MCL T20 Executive committee and Disciplinary committees shall be held at the Election Year AGM which comes in alternative years or preceding year after a minimum 2 year term for the MCL 20 Executive Committee.
3. Special Meetings of the Team Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or on receipt by the Secretary of the MCL T20 Association of a request signed/digital email request by each of the Team Directors of the Board of at least 1/2 member teams. Notice of Special meeting and its agenda shall be circulated to all member teams at least 2 days before the date of the meeting. No resolution shall be carried without a two-third vote of those present and eligible to vote. No other business except that indicated on the agenda shall be dealt with.
4. Notice of board meetings and Executives Officers meeting shall be given in writing by the secretary of the association to each Team Director by mail or email at least 3 days before the date of the meeting. Notice of the AGM shall be given at least 14 days and not more than 30 days before the meeting dates.

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5. **QUORUM:** No resolution or business requiring a vote of the board may be transacted unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of all Team Directors. Unless a greater number is expressly required by these by-laws every act or decision done or made by the majority of the Team Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Team Directors. There is to be no voting by proxy.
6. **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:** The President, or in his absence the Secretary, shall act as Chairman at Board meetings. The rules contained in '*Roberts Rules of Order Revised*' <http://www.constitution.org/rror/rror--00.htm> shall govern all General Meetings and the meetings of the Team Directors and the Executive Committee, except where such rules may conflict with the Constitution and By-laws and the provisions of law.

#### Section 5.08 RESIGNATION

A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President and Secretary of MCL T20 association.

#### Section 5.09 NON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

The Team Directors shall not be personally liable for the debts liabilities or other obligations of the Association. However, they can adopt resolutions/direct MCL T20 Executive Committee to utilize Association resources/funds to address any legal, financial liabilities and other obligations that may have arisen in the normal course of conducting league business.

#### Section 5.10 RESTRICTIONS ON VOTING

Upon admittance to the MCL, new members and their Team Directors/Alternate Team Director shall serve a probationary period of 1 year. This will last until the end of the first season of the membership, which will coincide with the end of the season, Annual General Meeting. During this period, the Team Director/Alternate Team Director of the new member shall not be entitled to vote at any Team Director meetings, including regular and special meetings of the MCL T20 Association. They shall be allowed to attend all meetings and voice opinions and concerns but shall not be involved in any of the voting processes.

After the probationary period has ended, new members shall assume all voting rights and privileges of existing members.

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If an existing member does not send a Team Director/ Alternate Team Director or a representative from their club to a MCL T20 Director Meeting, that member club shall have its voting privileges suspended for the remainder of the season. This suspension is not subject to appeal.

## **Article 6. MCL T20 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

### Section 6.01 NUMBERS & TITLES

The officers of the Executive Committee shall be the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Umpiring Co-ordinator. An officer of the MCL T20 Executive Committee must be a member of an existing member club. No member club can have more than one member serving in the MCL T20 Executive Committee and/or Disciplinary Committee. An officer of the MCL T20 Executive Committee cannot simultaneously serve on the MCL T20 Association as a Team Director. The Board may appoint other officers or agents as it deems necessary, and such officers shall serve such terms, have such authority, and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Team Directors. The total number of officers shall not exceed nine.

\*2024 MCL T20 Executive Committee Proposal

\*President, Vice President, PRO common.

\*Secretary (for T20 its Commissioner T20), Treasurer, Fixtures, Umpiring individually for T20 and F40.

### Section 6.02 QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Any member of a member team is eligible to be an officer of the Association.
2. Candidates shall be nominated by members of the Team Directors, who in turn shall review the qualifications and experience of the candidates. Appointments shall be made based on the candidate's ability to execute the duties set forth in 6.06-6.13.
3. Election of Officers shall be held at the intervals and for the terms of office shown below:
4. President shall hold office for a nominal period of two years commencing immediately upon appointment by the board of directors at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
5. President shall not continue for more than 2 consecutive terms. Team Directors shall ask a sitting President to continue in the event of no nominations.
6. Secretary, Treasurer, shall hold office for a nominal period of two years, commencing immediately upon appointment by the Team Directors at the AGM.
7. Officers appointed to the MCL T20 Executive committee shall not continuously serve more than 5 years.
8. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Team Directors at an Annual General Meeting. Each Officer shall hold office until he resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his successor is elected.

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#### Section 6.03 FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The officers shall deal with all the administrative matters and shall prepare the business and accounts to be dealt with at the meetings of the board. The administrative matters shall consist of routine MCL T20 business activities, including correspondence, accounting, collection of fees, reimbursements, insurance matters, schedules of games, organization of social events and functions, announcements and preparation of notices. It shall also deal with all matters concerning umpires, grounds and general facilities and shall transact any business delegated to it by the board. Executive Officers shall not amend or suspend any provision of the Constitution, By-laws and Code of Conduct, the standing rules of the Association or motions passed by a vote of the Team Directors.

#### Section 6.04 REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

Any officer may be removed for good cause (4.08) by a Team Directors at a Special meeting. The motion to remove an officer shall be promulgated in the notice of the meeting and shall be a Special Order of that meeting. The MCL T20 Association must vote by a majority of two thirds to remove the officer. Any officer may resign at any given time by giving written notice to the President or Secretary of the MCL T20 Association.

#### Section 6.05 VACANCIES

Any vacancy in the Executive office shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting or at a Special meeting of the Team-Directors except that the MCL T20 Association may at its discretion defer replacement of the President until the next Annual General Meeting. Election of officers at a Special Meeting shall be by a 2/3 majority.

#### Section 6.06 MEETINGS

The MCL T20 Executive Officers shall meet periodically as necessary to conduct the business of the Association, at the discretion of the President. MCL T20 Executive Committee shall communicate a list of important administrative actions that were taken at the end of every month.

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\*Section 6.07 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

- 1) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall, in general, supervise and control the affairs of the Association. He shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties that may be required by law, by the Articles of Association, by these Bylaws, and which may be prescribed from time to time by the Team-Directors.
- 2) The President shall preside at all MCL T20 Association meetings. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees as prescribed by the Team Directors. Unless he is unable to attend, he shall act as moderator of all meetings of the Team Directors.
- 3) The President shall provide leadership of the MCL T20 Association and shall strive at all times to ensure the enjoyment of the game by all participants, to promote the game in the local areas and improve the standard of fairness, umpiring, playing and facilities.

\*Section 6.08 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

1. Certify the by-laws and code of conduct. Certify and keep the original, or a copy, of these by-laws and Code of conduct as Amended
2. Keep a book of the minutes of all meetings of the Team Directors and Executive officers, recording there in the time place of holding, whether a Regular or Special meeting and if Special how authorized. The record shall include the manner and date of the notice there- of, the names of the Team Directors and Executive officers present and the proceedings thereof.
3. Ensure that all notices of meetings and their agenda are duly given in accordance with the provision of these by-laws.
4. Maintain the membership list as prescribed in Article 4.05, here in.
5. Exhibit at all reasonable times to any Team Director or member of the Association, the by- laws, Code of Conduct, membership list, and the minutes of the meetings of the Team Directors of the Association.
6. Circulate minutes of meetings. Minutes are to be available within 7 days. If no objections they are to be adopted automatically.
7. In general, perform all duties incident to the Office of the Secretary as required by these By-laws and which the Board may assign from time to time.

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\*Section 6.09 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

- 1) The Treasurer is responsible for keeping an accurate financial record of all receipts, disbursements, assets liabilities and retained earnings.
- 2) The Treasurer is responsible for filing proper adequate and complete tax returns where required under federal, state and city laws. Treasurer shall seek to maintain the non-profit status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- 3) The Treasurer may not borrow money or issue funds or checks except as he is authorized to do so by these By-laws or the Team Directors and/or executive committee. The Treasurer or the President must sign all checks, disbursing Association funds.
- 4) At each Team Directors meeting the Treasurer shall present a brief written report on the finances of the Association, he shall answer all questions on financial matters.
- 5) At the Annual General Meeting the treasurer shall present a complete and detailed financial report showing all disbursements and receipts of the Association for the preceding year. This final Annual Financial Report shall have been audited or by an audit committee appointed by the Board and shall be signed by the Treasurer. Upon acceptance of the report by the Board, the President shall countersign it.
- 6) Following the Team Directors resolution regarding membership fees 4.03, the Treasurer shall send to the membership where applicable, notice of annual membership fees and any assessments fixed by the Board. All such fees and Assessments shall be payable within 30 days of invoice. From time to time the Treasurer shall send out notices of assessments as prescribed by the Board.
- 7) The Treasurer shall maintain complete, accurate and current books relating to the financial status of the Association. An Officer of the Association or Team Directors may inspect these books at all reasonable times. These books shall be subject to audit by an audit committee appointed by the Team Directors, at such intervals and times as directed by the Board or by the President.

\*Section 6.10 DUTIES OF THE FIXTURES SECRETARY

- 1) The Fixtures Secretary is responsible for the preparation of match fixtures and schedules for league games and all knock out competition games.
- 2) The Fixture Secretary shall be responsible for the collection of score sheets of all matches played in the respective divisions and the computation and promulgation of the league standings and players statistics. The Fixtures Secretary has the right to appoint a member of the Team Directors to help in this regard
- 3) The Fixtures Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the eligibility roster for all players playing in the league.

\* Subject to further discussions and interpretations of the MCL Special T20 Committee.

**\*Section 6.11 DUTIES OF THE UMPIRING CO-ORDINATOR**

- 1) The Umpiring Co-Ordinator is responsible for the assignment of umpires for all league games and all knock out competition games.
- 2) The Umpiring Co-Ordinator shall be responsible for ensuring umpires enforce league rules and update all umpires of any changes in by-laws and variations to laws of cricket adopted by the league. The Umpiring Co-Ordinator has the right to appoint any umpire for the games in consultation with Executive committee.
- 3) The Fixtures Secretary shall be responsible for notifying any disciplinary issues raised by umpires during a league game.

**Section 6.12 NON LIABILITY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Members of the MCL T20 Executive Committee shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or other obligations of the Association.

**Article 7. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

**Section 7.01 NUMBERS & TITLES**

The officers of the Disciplinary Committee shall be the Committee Chair and two committee officers. An officer of the Disciplinary Committee must be a member of an existing member club. No member club can have more than one member serving in the Executive Committee and/or Disciplinary Committee. An officer of the Disciplinary

Committee cannot simultaneously serve on the Team Directors. The Board shall appoint two additional committee officers, and such officers shall perform such duties when one of the primary members of the committee is not eligible to serve as prescribed in Code of Conduct. The total number of officers shall not exceed five.

**Section 7.02 QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

- 1) Any member of a member team is eligible to be an officer of the MCL T20 Association.
- 2) Candidates shall be nominated by members of the Team Directors, who in turn shall review the qualifications and experience of the candidates. Appointments shall be made based on the candidate's ability to execute the duties set forth in 7.06-7.07.



\* Subject to further discussions and interpretations of the MCL Special T20 Committee.

3) Election of Officers shall be held at the intervals and for the terms of office shown below:

- Committee Chair shall hold office for a nominal period of two years commencing immediately upon appointment by the Team directors at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Committee Chair shall not continue for more than 1 consecutive term(2 years). Team Directors shall ask a sitting Chair to continue in the event of no nominations.
- Committee Officers shall hold office for a nominal period of two years, commencing immediately upon appointment by the Team Directors at the AGM.
- Officers appointed to the Disciplinary committee shall not continuously serve more than 5 years.
- Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Team Directors at an Annual General Meeting. Each Officer shall hold office until he resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his successor is elected.

#### Section 7.03 FUNCTIONS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OFFICERS

The officers shall deal with all disciplinary matters related to the league games and activities. The disciplinary matters shall consist of issues complaints raised by teams, executive committee members, umpires related to league games and any inappropriate communication and/or behaviour in association's meetings, events and forums. Disciplinary Officers shall not amend or suspend any provision of the Constitution, By-laws and Code of Conduct, the standing rules of the Association or motions passed by a vote of the Team Directors.

#### Section 7.04 REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

Any officer may be removed for good cause (4.08) by a Team Director at a Special meeting. The motion to remove an officer shall be promulgated in the notice of the meeting and shall be a Special Order of that meeting. The Board must vote by a majority of two thirds to remove the officer. Any officer may resign at any given time by giving written notice to the President or Secretary of the MCL T20 Association.

#### Section 7.05 VACANCIES

Any vacancy in the Disciplinary office shall be filled by the two additional officers appointed at the AGM. In the event such a vacancy cannot be filled, elections shall be held at the next regular meeting or at a Special meeting of the Team Directors except that the

Board may at its discretion defer replacement until the next Annual General Meeting. Election of officers at a Special Meeting shall be by a 2/3 majority.

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#### Section 7.06 MEETINGS

The Disciplinary Officers shall meet as necessary to conduct hearings and/or review complaints/incidents raised by teams, match officials, umpires and Executive committee. Disciplinary Committee shall ensure the Code of Conduct, together with the Rules of Conduct therein is upheld, ensuring the appropriate sanction is applied to any person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct as specified in Code of Conduct.

#### Section 7.07 DUTIES OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Committee Chair along with the Committee Members shall:

- 1) Manage and have ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the hearing, in so far as appropriate, for any charges or complaints from member teams.
- 2) Ensure the full implications of Law 42.1 are properly understood and upheld;
- 3) Ensure the Code of Conduct, together with the Rules of Conduct therein, is upheld;
- 4) Investigate and adjudicate alleged breaches of the Rules of Conduct notified to them.
- 5) Ensure the appropriate sanction is applied to any person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct;
- 6) Communicate outcome of hearings to the Team Directors within timelines as prescribed in Code of conduct.

#### Section 7.08 NON LIABILITY OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or other obligations of the Association.

### **Article 8. COMMITTEES**

#### Section 8.01 AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc Committees for specific purposes or activities may be appointed from time to time by the MCL T20 Executive Committee.

\* Subject to further discussions and interpretations of the MCL Special T20 Committee.

#### Section 8.02 TERMS OF OFFICE

Each committee shall serve until it has fulfilled its mandate as prescribed by the MCL T20 Executive Committee. Each committee shall disband after it has delivered its findings.

#### Section 8.03 VACANCIES

Vacancies on any committee may be filled for the un-expired portion of the term in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointment.

#### Section 8.04 QUORUM

A majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum of such committee and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be an act of committee.

### **Article 9. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

No part of the net earnings of this Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the MCL T20 Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Article 10. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the MCL T20 Association, the Team Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the association, dispose of all of the assets of the association exclusively for the purposes of the association in such a manner , or to such organization that shall qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)

(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Team Directors shall determine, or to federal, state or local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the County in which the principal office of the association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or such organizations as the court shall decide

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## **Article 11. AFFILIATIONS**

MCL T20 Association and by extension all its members and member teams will be affiliated to the United States National Cricket Body which is recognized as the official affiliate of International Cricket Council(headquartered in Dubai), at any given point of time.

## **Article 12. BY-LAWS**

### Section 12.01 BY-LAWS

These By-laws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption for MCL T20 with Section 1.01 - SPECIAL GOVERNING REGULATIONS FOR SEASONS 2021, 2022 and 2023 superseding other MCL T20 Executive Committee Articles. All Amendments to the By Laws during SEASONS 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be tabled and passed by the Special MCL T20 Committee. Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption unless the Team Directors in adopting them, as hereinafter provided, directs that they shall take effect at a later date

### Section 12.02 AMENDMENTS

Subject to any limitations imposed by the provision of law applicable to the amendment of By-laws of non-profit organizations, these By-laws may be amended as follows:

By a two thirds vote of the Team Directors at any Regular meeting or Special Meeting at which a quorum is present. Written notice of such meetings in accordance with Article 5.06 herein shall state the intent to amend the By-laws and shall include the full text of each proposed amendment.

### Section 12.03 CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION

The original or a copy of the By-laws as amended to date, certified by the Secretary of the Association shall be kept in the principal offices of the association, and shall be open to inspection by the members at all reasonable times. A copy of the By-laws and amendments shall be provided to all member clubs.

\* Subject to further discussions and interpretations of the MCL Special T20 Committee.

## **Article 13. CODE OF CONDUCT**

### Section 13.01 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct (COC) shall become effective immediately upon their adoption. Amendments to these COC shall become effective immediately upon their adoption unless the Team Directors in adopting them, as hereinafter provided, directs that they shall take effect at a later date

### Section 13.02 AMENDMENTS

Subject to any limitations imposed by the provision of law applicable to the amendment of By-laws of non-profit organizations, the COC may be amended as follows:

By a two thirds vote of the Directors at any Regular meeting or Special Meeting at which a quorum is present. Written notice of such meetings in accordance with Article 5.06 herein shall state the intent to amend the By-laws and shall include the full text of each proposed amendment.

### Section 13.03 CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION

The original or a copy of the COC as amended to date, certified by the Secretary of the Association shall be kept in the principal offices of the association, and shall be open to inspection by the members at all reasonable times. A copy of the COC and amendments shall be provided to all member clubs.

## **Article 14. TEAM WAIVER FORM**

- 1) All Member teams shall provide a signed copy of the Team Waiver Form every year as part of the application process. Membership shall be automatically Terminated should a team failure to provide signed Team Waiver Form.
- 2) Team waiver forms should be signed by the President and Captain of the Member club as specified in the application form.

- 3) In the event of a change in Team's Management committee, the team's new President and Captain shall submit a new signed copy of the Team Waiver form.
- 4) All teams and its members shall abide by the articles specified in the Team Waiver form to give up their right to sue the league for any reasons as outlined in the Team Waiver form. All actions that are contrary to the articles specified in the Team Waiver form shall lead to disciplinary action specified in the waiver form including suspension and expulsion of member clubs and/or individual members of the member club.

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#### Section 14.01 LAW SUIT – PENALTIES

Legal Waiver addresses teams to forego their rights to sue the league for any disputes or disagreements with the MCL T20 League or its decisions that affects a team or its players. Further, it doesn't address any disputes between or among playing teams and its players, which will be construed as a private issue that falls outside the realm of the League.

MCL T20 Constitution provides a wider framework for teams and its players to resolve any disputes or disagreements against the elected official members of MCL T20 League and its playing teams. The League encourages to use tools such as -a) appeal to MCL T20 EC b) and or reach out to MCL T20 EC for any dispute or complaint before taking any legal course. However, despite of having such arrangements that it provides, if a member team or any of its players like to pursue the path of Legal course and sue the League, League can exercise the following penalties with no appeal process

- 1) The team and or its all players on the roster or both the parties will be automatically expelled for a minimum of three (3) years or banned for a lifetime from MCL T20 League and are not eligible to play in the league or any other leagues that MCL has any agreements for this clause.
- 2) If a player sues the league in his individual capacity despite his team has waived its rights to take legal course, then the player(s) are banned for a life term provided the player(s) should have been expelled by the team that he/they belong to. In the event the team doesn't expel its player(s) and retained on the roster of the team and would like to pursue the legal course, then in such case the entire team and all of its players will be either expelled for a minimum of three (3)years or banned for the lifetime.
- 3) If a team has expelled the player or players who has sued the MCL T20 League from its roster and the player still persists to sue the league, in such case, to expel or to ban the team for a lifetime or not will be left to the discretion of MCL T20 EC and or Team Directors discretion.
- 4) All or any costs resulting from the legal course should be borne by the party or parties or player(s) who brought the legal suit against the league. League will pursue against those parties to recover the costs for any damages resulting from the dispute or

disagreement against the team or player(s) who have sued the MCL T20 League or it's EC or DC members.

5) All or any above actions are true for any legal actions against it's Team Directors as well as office bearers including Executive Members, Umpiring Coordinators, Disciplinary Committee.

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6) Above rules and penalties will be effective and applicable not only to MCL T20 but also to other leagues where MCL has similar agreements for this clause. If MCL T20 has any such agreements, it will be notified to all member Team Directors for a proper approval before it becomes effective.

#### **Article 15. CONSTITUTION TO BE BINDING ON MEMBERS**

Each member of the MCL T20 on being admitted shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution of the Association and shall therefore become bound thereby. By accepting membership each club recognizes the MCL T20 as the final tribunal on all matters concerning the game of cricket and shall obey all its decisions.